

## **COLONEL MICHAEL J. TOAL**

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Colonel Michael J. Toal became Director, Combat Developments for Transportation in September 1999. Colonel Toal is a Transportation Corps officer who has commanded and led transportation units at every level from detachment to brigade.

Prior to coming on active duty, Colonel Toal was employed at Atlantic Container Line, New York City in various positions. Colonel Toal graduated from St. Peter's College, Jersey City, New Jersey in 1972 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. He holds a Masters Degree from State University of New York at Fort Schulyer and the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. His military education includes the Transportation Officers' Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School, United States Navy Command and Staff Course, Armed Forces Staff College Joint Staff Officers' Course, and the United States Army War College.

His early years included duty staff duty and Detachment Commander at Military Ocean Terminal, Bayonne New Jersey; Operations Officer, Military Ocean Terminal, Bremerhaven, Germany; Plans Officer, 7<sup>th</sup> Transportation Group, serving as Company Commander at Fort Eustis, VA.

In addition to serving in the United States, he has served in Germany, Hawaii, Okinawa, Greece and Somalia. He was assigned to the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Hawaii as the G4 Plans Officer and Division Transportation Officer. In Okinawa, he served as the Executive Officer of the MTMC Terminal Brigade at Naha Military Port. He was assigned to Greece as the Commander of the 1319<sup>th</sup> MTMC Terminal Port Battalion in Piraeus supporting operations in the eastern Mediterranean to include Operation Restore Hope in Somalia.

Colonel Toal served on the Army Staff as a Systems Integrator for Heavy Trucks, Rail and Army Watercraft for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, United States Army, The Pentagon, Washington, DC. He also served at Scott AFB as the Chief of the Infrastructure Branch for the J5, United States Transportation Command. Prior to arriving at Fort Lee, Colonel Toal was the Commander of the 597<sup>th</sup> Transportation Brigade at the Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point, NC.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal w/2 OLC, Meritorious Service Medal w/2 OLC, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal w/BSD, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon w/Numeral 4 Device.

(Keynote Schedule: Thursday, 19 June 2003, 08:00)